

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend paragraph beginning at page 21, line 6, which begins with "Once the additional layer or layers...", as follows:

Once the additional layer or layers of fusible material and additional graft elements such as the connector members 41 and 42 and inflation line 36 have been applied, any excess fusible material may be trimmed away from the proximal end 17 and distal end 18 of graft body section 15. FIG. 11 illustrates one or more layers of fusible material being trimmed from the proximal end 17 and distal end 18 of the graft body section 15 so as to leave the connector members 41 and 42 embedded between layers of fusible material but with the connector elements 43 exposed and a distal end 51 of the inflation line 36 exposed as shown in FIG. 12. Once the fusible material has been trimmed from the proximal end 17 and the distal end 18, as discussed above, an additional process may optionally be performed on the proximal end 17, distal end 18 or both the proximal end and distal end 17 and 18. In this optional process (not shown in the figures), the outer wrap 50 is removed from a portion of the connector members 41 and 42 so as to expose a portion of the connector members 41 and 42 and the additional layer of fusible material 30 beneath the connector member 42 and the proximal end wrap 34 beneath connector member 41. Once exposed, one or more layers of the additional layer or layers 30 or proximal end wrap 34 may have cuts made therein to form flaps which can be folded back over the respective connector members 42 and 41 and secured to form a joint (not shown). One or more layers of fusible material can then be disposed over such a joint to provide additional strength and cover up the joint. ~~The construction of such a joint is discussed in copending U.S. Patent Application "Endovascular Graft Joint and Method for Manufacture" by Chobotov et al. which has been incorporated by reference herein.~~